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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for fixing a flat display panel in a monitor, the method comprising:

aligning a display panel and a fixing frame with a back cover;

coupling the display panel to the back cover using a fastener, the fastener being inserted from the display panel to the back cover; and

coupling a front cover to the back cover, wherein a strength of the front cover is less than a strength of the back cover.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein aligning a display panel and a fixing frame with a back cover and coupling the display panel to the back cover using a fastener further ~~comprising~~ comprises simultaneously coupling the display panel and ~~a~~ the fixing frame to the back cover ~~using the fastener~~ after aligning the display panel with the fixing frame.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein after being aligned with a fixing frame, the display panel is coupled on the back cover via the fixing frame

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein coupling a front cover to the back cover further comprises engaging at ~~last~~ least one hook and at least one corresponding hook receiving portion so as to couple the back cover and the front cover.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein coupling a front cover to the back cover further comprises coupling the front cover to the back cover with at least one screw.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the back cover comprises a rear portion of a housing for the display panel.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the front cover comprises a front portion of the housing for the display panel which includes an opening through which an image on the display panel is displayed.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the back cover is configured to support the display panel when the display panel is coupled to the back cover and the front cover is coupled to the back cover.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein aligning the display panel with a the fixing frame ~~comprise~~ comprises aligning at least one first fixing portion provided on the display panel with a corresponding at ~~lest~~ least one second fixing portion provided on the fixing frame.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein simultaneously coupling the display panel and the fixing frame to the back cover using the fastener comprises inserting the fastener through the aligned first and second fixing portions and into at least one corresponding third fixing portion provided on the back cover.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the third fixing portion comprises at least one boss comprising an opening configured to receive the fastener and at least one reinforcing rib configured to support the boss.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein a first, second and third fixing portion is provided at each corner of the display panel, fixing frame, and back cover, respectively.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 ~~32~~, wherein aligning the display panel ~~and fixing frame~~ with the back cover comprises aligning at least one aligning guide provided on the fixing frame with at least one corresponding guide portion provided on the back cover.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein coupling a front cover to the back cover comprises pressing the front cover onto the back cover so as to engage a plurality of hooks extending from the front cover with a corresponding plurality of hook receiving portions formed in the back cover.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the plurality of hooks are provided along one side edge of the front cover, and the corresponding plurality of hook receiving portions are formed along one corresponding side edge of the back cover.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the plurality of hooks are provided along more than one side edge of the front cover, and the corresponding plurality of hook receiving portions are formed along more than one corresponding side edge of the back cover.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the front and back covers are coupled by at least one screw on corresponding sides thereof which are not coupled by engagement of the plurality of hooks and corresponding plurality of hook receiving portions.